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"SOME KIND OF IRONY" IS TITLE EDITORIAL IN ZAIRIAN DAILY SALONGO, SEPTEMBER 16, JOURNALIST O. MWEYA TOL'ANDE SAYS, "EVER SINCE ITS PEACE MISSION BEGAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE US HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SET FORTH THE BASIS FOR A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE. EVEN THE 'DOUBLE TALK POLICY' OF PRESIDENT CARTER, WHICH SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE IS FOLLOWING, HAS FINALLY BECOME WHAT KISSINGER'S 'SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY' WAS, THEREBY ALLOWING ISRAEL MORE TIME TO FOOL AROUND. ONE HAS THE FEELING THAT WASHINGTON IS TRYING TO GIVE TO MUCH SATISFACTION TO EACH SIDE AT THE SAME TIME."

"IN FACT," CONTINUES AUTHOR, "THE U.S. IS PROTECTING ISRAEL, BECAUSE THE US CAN'T DO WITHOUT ISRAEL DUE TO ECONOMIC AND MILITARY REASONS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE US FLIRTS WITH THE ARABS BECAUSE OF THEIR OIL. THIS IS WHAT MAKES OBSERVERS SAY THT IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, THE US IS NEITHER AN ANGEL NOR

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A DEVIL. SUCH A TIMID POLICY CANNOT SETTLE A PROBLEM WHICH HAS LASTED TOO LONG AND RESULTED IN TOO MANY DEATHS. IN FACT, THE ONLY OBSTACLE TO THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA MIDDLE EAST TALKS IS ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION. THE PLO'S MILITANT WING ALREADY THINKS THAT ONLY WAR WILL SOLVE ITS PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE US HAS THE LION'S SHARE OF RE-SPONSIBILITY IN WORSENING THE SITUATION."

REFERRING TO U.S. INSISTENCE PLO ACCEPT U.N. RESOLUTION 242,
AUTHOR WARNS: "HERE TOO, THERE IS A DANGER. THIS RESOLUTION
TREATS PALESTINIANS AS REFUGEES AND DENIES THEM THEIR NATIONAL
RIGHTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CALLING ON ALL THE PARTIES TO LIVE
INSIDE WELL DEFINED AND RECOGNIZED BORDERS. SUPPOSE THE PALESTINIANS
ACCEPT SUCH A RESOLUTION, WITH REFUGEE STATUS, WILL THE PALES-
TINIANS RIGHT TO THEIR OWN STATE BE RECOGNIZED THEREAFTER?
THAT'S TRICKY." ITEM.
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